

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Appl. No.: 09/661,463
Applicant: Christopher William Preist
Filed: September 13, 2000
Title: AUCTION METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR
ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Art Unit: 3627
Examiner: McClellan, James S.
Confirmation No.: 7563
Docket No.: 30990066-4
(TKHR 050829-1080)

Commissioner for Patents
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FIRST RESPONSE (WITH AMENDMENTS)

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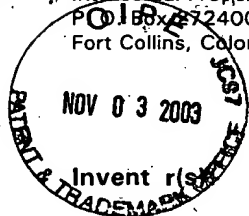
The outstanding non-final Office Action mailed *August 4, 2003* (Paper No. 5) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following *Amendments to the Specification* (starting on p. 2 of this document) and *Amendments to the Claims* (starting on p. 5 of this document). Also, please consider the following *Remarks* (starting on p. 11 of this document). Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
(X) New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
() No additional fee (Address envelope to "Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment")
() Other: _____ (fee \$ _____)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	29	MINUS	20	= 9	X \$18	\$ 162
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	3	= 1	X \$86	\$ 86
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$290	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 248

Charge \$ 248 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date of Deposit: 10/29/2003

Typed Name: Evelyn Sanders

Signature: Evelyn Sanders

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher William Preist

By Scott A. Horst Meyer

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Date: 10/29/2003